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**TURI HONORED BY NEW YORK INSURANCE ASSOCIATION**

Bolton Landing, N.Y.—The New York Insurance Association, Inc. (NYIA) honored Bernard J. Turi with the Chair’s Distinguished Service Award at the association’s annual conference May 30 in Bolton Landing, N.Y. Turi is senior vice president, general counsel, general auditor and chief risk officer of the Utica Mutual Insurance Company and the member companies of the Utica National Insurance Group.

Turi joined the company in 1987 as a senior claim specialist in the Errors and Omissions Claims Department. He was promoted to staff attorney in 1990 and associate claims attorney in 1995. He was named claims attorney/director of liability claims in 1999 and associate general counsel and claims attorney in 2004. He became director of risk and reinsurance in 2011 and additionally assumed the role of general counsel in 2013 before being promoted to his current roles in 2014. He also serves as chair of the Screening Committee of the Utica National Group Foundation.

Turi is an officer of the company. He was first named as an officer as assistant vice president in 2004, promoted to vice president in 2007, and named senior vice president in 2011. Before entering the insurance industry, Turi worked as an associate in a litigation firm in upstate New York.

“Bernie is an accomplished insurance professional who is admired by his peers,” said Elizabeth Heck, NYIA chair and president and chief executive officer of Greater New York Mutual Insurance Company. “The combination of his passion for the insurance industry, expansive knowledge of the law and ability to effectively communicate is simply unparalleled.”

He served as a board member of the New York Insurance Association from 2007–2017 and served as chair from 2014–2015. Turi continues to serve on several different association committees. He also serves on the board of directors and the Finance and Audit committees of the New York Property Insurance Underwriting Association, serves on the board of directors of the Motor Vehicle Accident Indemnification Corporation and was recently appointed by the superintendent of the New York State Department of Financial Services to serve as a member of the New York State Insurance Advisory Board.

Turi graduated cum laude from Niagara University with a Bachelor of Arts in political science. He earned a Juris Doctorate from Syracuse University of Law. He is admitted to practice law before the courts of the State of New York as well as the United States District Court for the Northern District of New York.

Utica Mutual Insurance Company was founded in 1914 and is part of the [Utica National Insurance Group](#). Utica National sells its products through more than 2,500 independent insurance agents and employs over 1,200 people countrywide with headquarters in New Hartford, N.Y.

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